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State Feedback Linearized Model for Phase-Controlled Series-Parallel Resonant Converters

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Abstract- This paper proposes a linearized large-signal state space model for phase-controlled series-parallel resonant converter. The model combines multiple-frequency and average state-space modeling techniques to generate a universal model with DC state variables that are easier to control compared to the fast resonant tank dynamics. In order to perform linearization, the proposed model utilizes a state feedback scheme from output filter inductor current. The model also serves as a tool for large signal prediction/estimation of converter state variables. The model accuracy was verified by comparing with a detailed switching model of the converter built in MATLAB simulation environment.

Index Terms- Large-signal, phase control, Series-parallel resonant converter (SPRC), state feedback.

I. INTRODUCTION

DC/DC resonant converters have been an attractive alternative to hard-switched PWM converters in DC power supply applications. This is due to their soft switching characteristics, hence offering the possibility of boosting switching frequency. This makes them feasible for modular power supplies with high power density.

Several types of resonant converters have been applied in DC power supply applications. Series resonant converters have poor no-load regulation, poor short circuit characteristics and need a big output filter capacitor. However its switching losses decrease with load decrease. They are suitable for high-output-voltage low-output-current converters [1-6]. Parallel resonant converters have better no-load regulation and are naturally short circuit proof. However, high circulating resonant tank current means higher switching losses and the converter is better suited to applications with relatively narrow input voltage range [7,8]. The combination series-parallel resonant converter (SPRC) combines advantages of both and eliminates their drawbacks. It can run over a large input voltage range and a large load range (no load to full load) while maintaining excellent efficiency [9-11].

Various control techniques have been used for control of resonant converters. These can be broadly classified into variable frequency and fixed-frequency approaches. Variable frequency techniques include average-current control, frequency control, capacitor voltage control, diode-conduction-angle control, and optimal trajectory control [11-13]. However, these variable frequency techniques present practical disadvantages, like a wide noise spectrum which makes it difficult

to control EMI, more complex filtering and poor utilization of magnetic components. Fixed-frequency techniques like phase-shift modulation [14-16] overcome problems of variable-frequency control and offer excellent control on the output voltage. For the aforementioned reasons, this paper focuses on fixed-frequency phase control of SPRC.

Modeling of resonant converters is more complex than PWM converters. This is mainly due to the non-linear coupling of its AC and DC state variables. Various modeling techniques have been proposed in literature for SPRC. Steady-state operation has been analyzed by several authors [17-19], providing an insight into converter behavior and overall steady-state gain. Small-signal models for SPRC use linearized state-space models around an equilibrium point to enable stability analysis and closed loop design [20]. The resulting closed loop design, although may eliminate error in output voltage, but dynamic response is usually unsatisfactory. Small-signal models include discrete-time domain [21-23] and multiple frequency techniques [24-26]. Method based on discrete time domain modeling has been proposed for low order converters. It becomes cumbersome with higher order converters. The multiple frequencies method transforms AC signal into DC signal at multiple frequencies providing a theoretically high accuracy model [27]. Although sufficient for analysis and closed loop design, small-signal models cannot be used for large-signal estimation of converter state variables. Large-signal models based on describing function method have also been proposed for SPRC analysis [28,29]. However, due to model non-linearity, non-linear controllers such as sliding mode [30] and robust optimal control [31] were designed for control of SPRC.

In this paper, a linearized large-signal model for the SPRC is obtained using a state feedback scheme. The latter utilizes a feedback signal from output filter inductor current to aid in linearizing system model. This makes the model useful for large-signal prediction of converter AC and DC state variables.

II. PROPOSED MODEL FOR THE DC/DC RESONANT CONVERTER

Fig. 1 shows the circuit diagram for a typical SPRC with the main circuit parameters defined in Table I. The bridge rectifier, together with the output LC filter, acts as a non-linear load to the resonant tank circuit. Hence, the converter large-signal response cannot be modeled using linear approaches like the conventional average state-space models.

DC/DC resonant converters have two-stages of conversion; DC/AC (inversion) and AC/DC (rectification). Hence, two main subsystems exist; the AC sub-system (resonant tank) and the DC sub-system (output filter). This is illustrated in Fig. 2. Each of these sub-systems has its own state variables; therefore, both AC and DC state variables exist. In order to combine both types of signals into a universal model, it is essential to transform the AC state variables to equivalent DC quantities (DC values with slow dynamics) using an arbitrary synchronous reference frame. The resulting DC state variables from the resonant tank are combined with the natural DC state variables on the output filter side (modeled with conventional average state-space modeling) using a linearization scheme to overcome the non-linearity imposed by the rectifier. The result is a universal large-signal linear model for the whole converter.

A. AC sub-system modeling

Fig. 3 shows the equivalent circuit diagrams for the AC sub-system of the SPRC. Three state variables exist (i_L , v_{Cs} , v_{Cp}). The voltage-current relations can be described by equations (1) to (3).

$$v_{AB} = r_T i_L + L_T \frac{di_L}{dt} + v_{Cs} + v_{Cp} \quad (1)$$

$$i_L = C_s \frac{dv_{Cs}}{dt} \quad (2)$$

$$i_L - i_{Br} = C_p \frac{dv_{Cp}}{dt} \quad (3)$$

Multiple frequency modeling approach, introduced in [24,25] for SPRC, is utilized for modeling the AC sub-system of the resonant converter. Since the state variables have periodic characteristics, each state can be expressed with a Fourier series [26,27]. Energy transfers from input to output mainly at fundamental frequency, hence the dominant frequency for modeling and analysis of the AC sub-system state variables is assumed to be ω_s , the operating frequency of the converter.

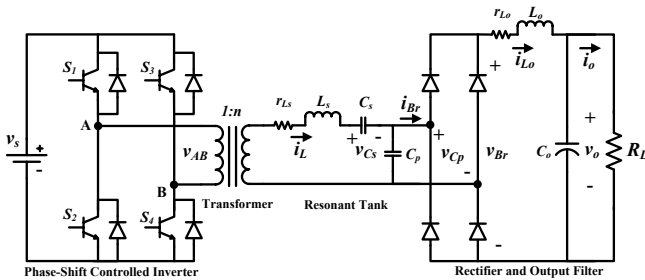


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram for SPRC.

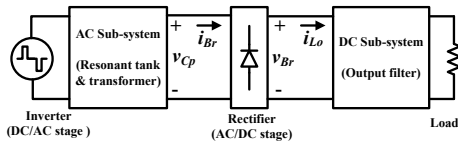


Fig. 2. Conversion stages and subsystems in typical resonant converter.

TABLE I
DEFINITION OF CIRCUIT PARAMETERS

Parameter	Definition
v_s	DC link supply voltage (V)
v_{AB}	Inverter output voltage (V)
n	Transformer turns ratio
v_{AB}'	Inverter output voltage referred to secondary (V)
r_{Ls}	Internal resistance of resonant tank inductor (Ω)
L_s	Resonant tank inductance (μH)
r_l	Parasitic resistance of transformer referred to secondary (Ω)
L_l	Leakage inductance of transformer referred to secondary (μH)
r_T	Total equivalent resistance $r_T = r_l + r_{Ls}$ (Ω)
L_T	Total equivalent inductance $L_T = L_l + L_s$ (μH)
C_s	Resonant tank series capacitance (μF)
C_p	Resonant tank parallel capacitance (μF)
r_{Lo}	Internal resistance of output filter inductor (Ω)
L_o	Output filter inductance (mH)
C_o	Output filter capacitance (μF)
ω_s	Resonant tank fundamental frequency (rad/s)
i_L	Resonant tank inductor current (A)
v_{Cs}	Resonant tank series capacitor voltage (V)
v_{Cp}	Resonant tank parallel capacitor voltage (V)
i_{Br}	Bridge rectifier input current (A)
v_{Br}	Bridge rectifier output voltage (V)
\bar{v}_{Br}	Average bridge rectifier output voltage (V)
i_{Lo}	Output filter inductor current (A)
v_o	Output voltage (V)
i_o	Output current (A)

The state variables and input can be approximated as sinusoidal states with fundamental frequency ω_s as in equations (4) to (8).

$$i_L \approx i_{Ld} \quad \omega_s t + i_{Lq} \cos \omega_s t \quad (4)$$

$$v_{Cs} \approx v_{Csd} \quad \omega_s t + v_{Csq} \cos \omega_s t \quad (5)$$

$$v_{Cp} \approx v_{Cpd} \quad \omega_s t + v_{Cpq} \cos \omega_s t \quad (6)$$

$$v_{AB} \approx v_{ABd} \quad \omega_s t + v_{ABq} \cos \omega_s t \quad (7)$$

$$i_{Br} \approx i_{Brd} \quad \omega_s t + i_{Brq} \cos \omega_s t \quad (8)$$

where, i_{Ldq} , v_{Csdq} and v_{Cpdq} are time-varying Fourier coefficients. The six Fourier coefficients, being time-dependent DC quantities, are considered as the new set of state variables.

Substituting equations (4)-(8) into equations (1)-(3), and equating sine and cosine coefficients, yields

$$v_{ABd} = r_T i_{Ld} + L_T \dot{i}_{Ld} - L_T \omega_s i_{Lq} + v_{Csd} + v_{Cpd} \quad (9)$$

$$v_{ABq} = r_T i_{Lq} + L_T \dot{i}_{Lq} + L_T \omega_s i_{Ld} + v_{Csq} + v_{Cpq} \quad (10)$$

$$i_{Ld} = C_s \dot{v}_{Csd} - C_s \omega_s v_{Csq} \quad (11)$$

$$i_{Lq} = C_s \dot{v}_{Csq} + C_s \omega_s v_{Csd} \quad (12)$$

$$i_{Ld} - i_{Brd} = C_p \dot{v}_{Cpd} - C_p \omega_s v_{Cpq} \quad (13)$$

$$i_{Lq} - i_{Brq} = C_p \dot{v}_{Cpq} + C_p \omega_s v_{Cpd} \quad (14)$$

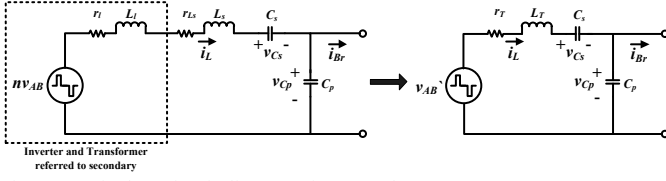


Fig. 3. Equivalent circuit diagrams for AC sub-system.

Equations (9)-(14) in state-space form

$$\dot{\vec{x}}_1(t) = A_1 \vec{x}_1(t) + D_1 \vec{u}(t) \quad (15)$$

where,

$$\vec{x}_1(t) = [i_{Ld} \ i_{Lq} \ v_{Csd} \ v_{Cpd} \ v_{Cpq}]^T, \quad \vec{u}_1(t) = [v_{ABd} \ v_{ABq} \ i_{Brd} \ i_{Brq}]^T,$$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{r_T}{L_T} & \omega_s & -\frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & -\frac{1}{L_T} & 0 \\ -\omega_s & -\frac{r_T}{L_T} & 0 & -\frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & -\frac{1}{L_T} \\ \frac{1}{C_s} & 0 & 0 & \omega_s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{C_s} & -\omega_s & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{C_p} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_s \\ 0 & \frac{1}{C_p} & 0 & 0 & -\omega_s & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{C_p} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{C_p} \end{bmatrix}$$

B. DC sub-system modeling

Fig. 4 shows the equivalent circuit diagram for the DC sub-system of the SPRC. Note that \bar{v}_{Br} is the average rectifier output voltage v_{Br} . Energy is transferred at DC frequency, so the dominant component for modeling and analysis is the DC (average) value. For this reason, average state-space modeling, with the small-ripple assumption, is valid to use for modeling the DC sub-system. Two state variables exist (i_{Lo} and v_o), for which the voltage-current relations can be described by (16) and (17). The bar notation denoting the average value of the state variables will be neglected for standardization of model.

$$\bar{v}_{Br} = r_{Lo} i_{Lo} + L_o \frac{di_{Lo}}{dt} + v_o \quad (16)$$

$$i_{Lo} - i_o = C_o \frac{dv_o}{dt} \quad (17)$$

Equations (16) and (17) can be used to represent the DC sub-system in state-space form,

$$\dot{\vec{x}}_2(t) = A_2 \vec{x}_2(t) + D_2 \vec{u}(t) \quad (18)$$

where,

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{r_{Lo}}{L_o} & -\frac{1}{L_o} \\ \frac{1}{C_o} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{L_o} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{C_o} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}_2(t) = [i_{Lo} \ v_o]^T, \quad \vec{u}_2(t) = [v_{Br} \ i_o]^T,$$

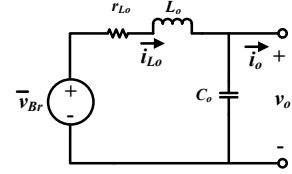


Fig. 4. Equivalent circuit diagram for DC sub-system.

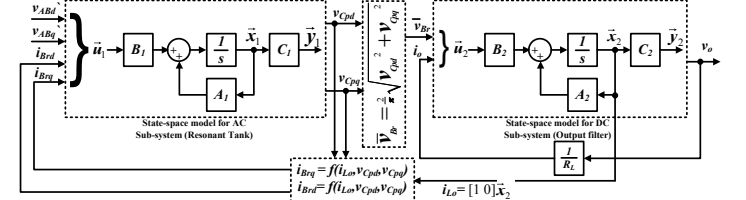


Fig. 5. Non-linear combined system model for SPRC.

C. Combined system non-linear model

Fig.5 shows the non-linear model for the SPRC combining the state-space linear models of the AC and DC sub-systems. The voltage-current relationship between both sub-systems (separated by the bridge rectifier) is outlined by:

- The state-variables of the AC sub-system are approximated as sinusoidal at fundamental frequency, therefore

$$\bar{v}_{Br} = \frac{2}{\pi} v_{Br\text{peak}} = \frac{2}{\pi} v_{Cp\text{peak}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{v_{Cpd}^2 + v_{Cpq}^2} \quad (19)$$

- Power balance theory: Output power from AC sub-system is equal to input power to DC sub-system (assuming lossless reverse recovery in rectifier).

$$\frac{1}{2} (v_{Cpd} i_{Brd} + v_{Cpq} i_{Brq}) = \bar{v}_{Br} i_{Lo} \quad (20)$$

Substituting (19) into (20) yields

$$\frac{v_{Cpd}}{\sqrt{v_{Cpd}^2 + v_{Cpq}^2}} i_{Brd} + \frac{v_{Cpq}}{\sqrt{v_{Cpd}^2 + v_{Cpq}^2}} i_{Brq} = \frac{4}{\pi} i_{Lo} \quad (21)$$

As outlined by the analysis in [9], it can be also concluded that

$$i_{Br\text{peak}} = \frac{4}{\pi} i_{Lo} = \sqrt{i_{Brd}^2 + i_{Brq}^2} \quad (22)$$

Through equations (21) and (22), the non-linear relationship between the AC and DC sub-systems of the series-parallel resonant converter is confirmed. Hence the voltage-current relationship can be represented by

$$i_{Brd} = f(i_{Lo}, v_{Cpd}, v_{Cpq}) \quad (23)$$

$$i_{Brq} = f(i_{Lo}, v_{Cpd}, v_{Cpq})$$

III. STATE FEEDBACK AND LINEARIZATION

In this section, linear state feedback is used to linearize the relationship between AC and DC sub-systems of the SPRC.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{r_T}{L_T} & \omega_s & -\frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & -\frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & \frac{4k_3}{\pi L_T} & 0 \\ -\omega_s & -\frac{r_T}{L_T} & 0 & -\frac{1}{L_T} & 0 & -\frac{1}{L_T} & \frac{4k_7}{\pi L_T} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{C_s} & 0 & 0 & \omega_s & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{C_s} & -\omega_s & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{C_p} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_s & -\frac{4}{\pi C_p} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{C_p} & 0 & 0 & -\omega_s & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{\pi L_o} & 0 & -\frac{r_{Lo}}{L_o} & -\frac{1}{L_o} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{C_o} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

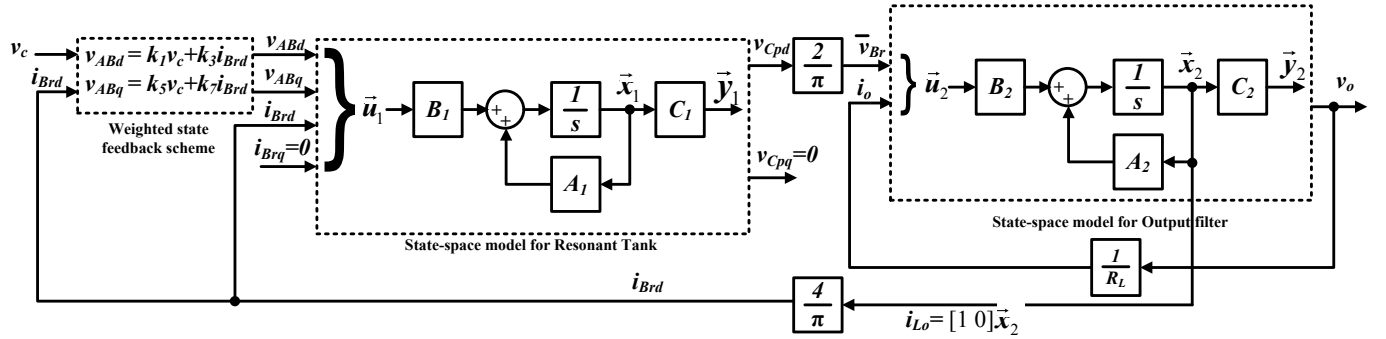


Fig. 7. Linearized model for the SPRC using weighted state feedback.

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{k_1}{L_T} & \frac{k_5}{L_T} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{C_o} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$C = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]$$

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The accuracy of the linearized system model in (36) is investigated by comparing with detailed switching model of a 1 kW, 40 kHz open loop phase-controlled SPRC. Simulations are performed using MATLAB/SIMULINK software. Fig. 8 shows the circuit diagram with the control algorithm used for state feedback. The closeness of the linearized SPRC model to real converter behavior is assessed by applying a step reference voltage $v_c = 90\frac{\pi}{2}$ volts ($t=0$) and step load change ($t=0.025s$) from half load to full-load. Circuit parameters are given in Table II.

By comparing the weighted state feedback scheme in (33)-(34) with (31)-(32), it is clear that at steady-state v_{Cpd} is equal to the control input voltage v_c , i.e. $V_{Cpd} = V_c$. This explains why results for v_{Cpd} are constant at $v_{Cpd} = v_c = 90\frac{\pi}{2}$ V (Fig. 9c).

TABLE II
RESONANT CONVERTER SIMULATION PARAMETERS

Parameter	Value
DC link supply voltage v_s	230 V
Transformer turns ratio n	0.5

Full-load resistance R_L	8 Ω
Full-load quality factor $Q = \sqrt{L_s / C_s} / R_L$	2.565
Internal resistance of resonant tank inductor r_{Ls}	0.2712 Ω
Resonant tank inductance L_s	99.81 μ H
Parasitic transformer resistance referred to secondary r_l	0.096 Ω
Transformer Leakage inductance referred to secondary L_l	7.665 μ H
Total equivalent resistance $r_T = r_l + r_{Ls}$	0.3672 Ω
Total equivalent inductance $L_T = L_l + L_s$	107.475 μ H
Resonant tank series capacitances $C_s = C_p$	0.255 μ F
Internal resistance of output filter inductor r_{Lo}	1 Ω
Output filter inductance L_o	10 mH
Output filter capacitance C_o	120 μ F
Resonant tank fundamental frequency f_s ($\omega_s = 2\pi f_s$)	40 kHz

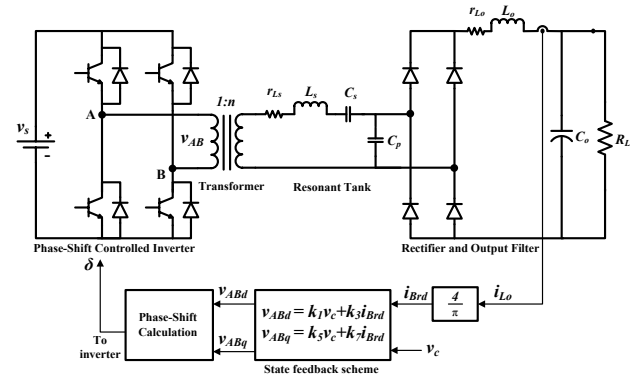


Fig. 8. Simulation diagram with state feedback algorithm for open loop fixed-frequency phase-shift control of SPRC

The feedback linearization scheme causes $v_{Cpq} = 0$ at all loading conditions. Output voltage in Fig. 9a (ideally $v_o = \frac{2}{\pi} v_{Cpd} = 90$ V) follows a second order under-damped response due to the output filter dynamics. The voltage difference from the ideal 90V output is due to drop on parasitic impedance of filter inductor. This increases at full-load. Voltage control is implemented using closed loop control. Transient and steady-state performance of the proposed linear state-space model almost tracks the exact switching model for all state variables (Fig. 9a-d).

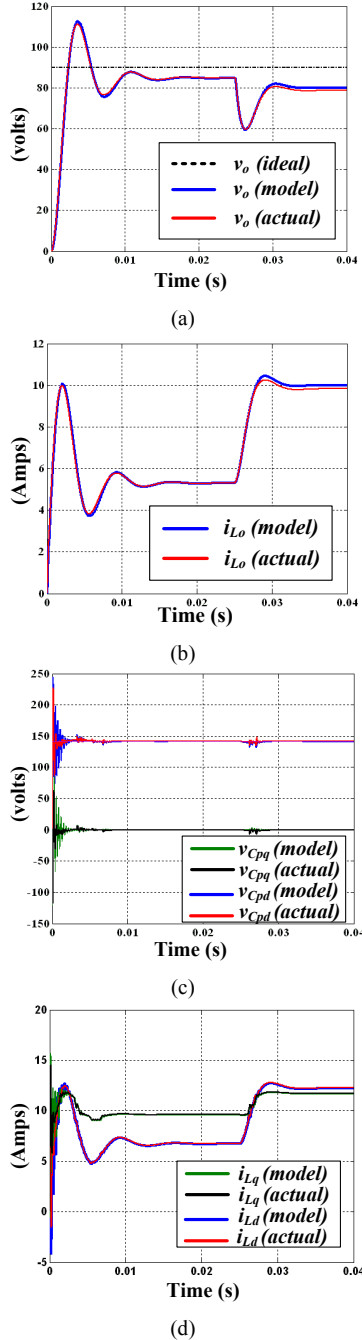


Fig. 9. Simulation results comparing actual switching and linearized large signal models (full-load at $t=0.025$ s): (a) v_o , (b) i_{Lo} , (c) v_{Cpq} , (d) i_{Lq} .

V. CONCLUSION

This paper proposes a feedback scheme from output filter inductor current to obtain a linearized large-signal model for the fixed-frequency phase-controlled SPRC. All state variables are converted to slowly changing DC quantities which are easier to control than the fast resonant tank dynamics. Simple PI control can be used for closed loop to provide infinite loop gain and eliminate steady-state error. The model accuracy compared to actual switching model proves that it is a promising tool for estimating large-signal state variable behavior of the converter.

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